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REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 as anticipated by Umiker (US 5,829,617) and Ogden (US 6,293,418).

Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite that the flange is deflected in a plane generally perpendicular to the axis upon insertion of the first upper hinge portion into the first lower hinge portion. Neither Ogden nor Umiker discloses this feature. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable.


Claim 4 recites that the latch striker portion is "received securely" in the latch receiver portion. In the Umiker design, the bead 29 of the end wall 3 is not "received securely" in the hook profile 22 of the side wall 2, but only positions the walls relative to one another, without securing them. Ogden does not disclose the claimed latch receiver portion with the plurality of beveled surfaces or the latch striker portion with a mating beveled surface. Therefore, claim 4 is patentable.

Applicant has amended claim 5 to recite a concave support surface. Neither Umiker nor Ogden discloses such a concave support surface. Therefore, claim 5 is patentable.

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